

1 25. (Previously Amended) A computer program product implementing web
2 based document printing comprising:
3 a recording medium;
4 means, recorded on the recording medium, for storing a print index, said print
5 index explicitly specified by a web based document originator; said print index including
6 a list of user selected uniform resource locators (URLs) to be printed;
7 means, recorded on the recording medium, for obtaining said print index and for
8 printing a document including said list of user selected uniform resource locators (URLs).

1 26. (Original) The computer program product implementing web based document
2 printing as recited in claim 25 includes means, recorded on the recording medium, for
3 identifying a user selected scattered print specification and means, recorded on the
4 recording medium, for identifying URLs with HTML elements having anchor tags of a
5 user selection of print equals yes and for printing a document including said URLs with
6 HTML elements having anchor tags of said user selection of print equals yes.

REMARKS

This is a Preliminary Amendment for a Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA"). In a Final Office Action in the parent application, dated February 11, 2003, the Examiner rejected: (i) claims 1-13, 16 and 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,061,700 to Brobst et al ("Brobst"); and (ii) claims 14-15 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brobst in view of US Patent 6,320,671 to Kelley et al ("Kelley").

I. Claims 1-13, 16, and 19-26

In the "Response to Arguments" section of the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that he contacted the Applicant's attorney and, as a result of that interview, interpreted the "originator" to be the "user." Applicant respectfully submits that a misunderstanding occurred. The present application specifically distinguishes the "document originator" from the "user." More specifically, the specification explains on page 1, lines 11-13, that in the prior art "[n]either the originator or the author of the document or a user can prepare the document for easy printing when the document has several URL segments" (emphasis added). The specification similarly explains on page 3, lines 26-30 that "[t]he document print index 134 is explicitly specified by the document originator, and stored in the document root from which the other URLs in the document are linked." These statements show that the document originator is the person, computer process, or entity that created the web page, and that user is the one that views the web page. Put more simply, the "originator" is not the "user."

Accordingly, for the reasons indicated in Applicant's Amendment dated November 29, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-13, 16, and 19-26 are not anticipated by Brobst.

II. Claims 14-15 and 17-18


In view of the Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA"), Applicant respectfully submits that the changes made to 35 USC §103(c) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) now apply to the present application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Brobst nor Kelley are no longer available to support a rejection under §103.

Applicant has amended claims 14-15 and 17-18 to include the base claim and all intervening dependent claims. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 14-15 and 17-18 are now in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of each of the pending claims 1-26. If the Examiner upon considering this amendment should find that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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